

SUBCHAPTER E : FEES FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS

§290.51. Fees for Services to Drinking Water System

(a) Purpose and scope.

(1) The purpose of this section is to establish fees for services provided by the commission to public water systems.

(2) The commission will provide services to public water systems, as follows:

(A) scheduling of analysis of drinking water for chemical content;

(B) collection of samples of drinking water for chemical analyses;

(C) review system data for evaluation of sampling waivers;

(D) inspect public water systems;

(E) review plans for new systems and major improvements to existing systems; and

(F) provide technical assistance as needed.

(3) The fees which the commission will charge for services provided to community and nontransient noncommunity water systems under this subsection will be according to the following schedule:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Number of connections (c)*} \\ &A_{\text{fee}} = (c)^{0.65} \times \$9.50 \\ &\text{Number of wells (w)} \\ &B_{\text{fee}} = (w) \times \$40.00 \\ &\text{Number of surface plants (s)} \\ &C_{\text{fee}} = (s) \times \$400.00 \\ &\text{TOTAL FEE} = A_{\text{fee}} + B_{\text{fee}} + C_{\text{fee}} \end{aligned}$$

*Number of connections will be determined from data collected from the latest inspection report. All nontransient noncommunity systems, state, federal and other community water system installations determined by the commission which serve large populations through a few connections shall have the number of connections for fee purposes determined by dividing the population served by a value of ten. Examples of such installations include, but are not limited to, are universities, children's homes, correctional facilities, and military facilities which generally do not bill customers for water service.

**The minimum total fee will be \$75.00.

(4) New public water systems will not be assessed a fee for services until water is supplied to the first connection.

(5) The commission will charge a fee of \$75 for services provided to noncommunity water systems which are not addressed in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

(6) All fees are due by January 1 of each year, shall be paid by check or money order, and shall be made payable to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. Penalties and interest for the late payment of fees shall be assessed in accordance with Chapter 12 of this title (relating to Payment of Fees).

(b) Failure to make payments as required under this section will subject the violator to the penalty provisions of the Health and Safety Code, Chapter 341, of Subchapter C.

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